

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1, 2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The cleaning article according to claim 5 or 6 ~~claim 1~~, wherein said synthetic elastomer has projections on the surface thereof.

4. (original) The cleaning article according to claim 5 or 6 ~~claim 2~~, wherein said support comprises nonwoven fabric or a film.

5. (currently amended) A The cleaning article according to claim 2, comprising an elastomer sheet having a synthetic elastomer forming a cleaning surface, wherein said elastomer sheet has a maximum static frictional force of 9.8 to 29 N, said static frictional force being defined as that frictional force required for moving a 1 kg test weight having a flat rectangular base having a shorter side of 50 mm and a longer side of 75 mm

and having said elastomer sheet stuck to the entire surface of said base of said test weight wherein movement of said test weight occurs on a horizontally disposed polypropylene carpet having cut piles 7 mm in length at a density of a 1/10 gauge and 43 stitches/10 cm wherein the movement of the test weight is in the direction parallel to that of the longer side of said base

wherein the cleaning surface of the cleaning article is smooth and flat and is free of depressions

wherein any hairs which contact the cleaning surface of the cleaning article get entangled with each other into an aggregate and do not cling to the cleaning surface

which further comprises a support laminated with said elastomer sheet

which cleaning article further comprises a cushioning material, wherein said cushioning material is adhered to said support, thereby forming a composite planar structure which is folded with said synthetic elastomer outwardly facing.

6. (currently amended) A The cleaning article according to claim 1, comprising an elastomer sheet having a synthetic elastomer forming a cleaning surface, wherein said elastomer sheet has a maximum static frictional force of 9.8 to 29 N, said

static frictional force being defined as that frictional force required for moving a 1 kg test weight having a flat rectangular base having a shorter side of 50 mm and a longer side of 75 mm and having said elastomer sheet stuck to the entire surface of said base of said test weight wherein movement of said test weight occurs on a horizontally disposed polypropylene carpet having cut piles 7 mm in length at a density of a 1/10 gauge and 43 stitches/10 cm wherein the movement of the test weight is in the direction parallel to that of the longer side of said base

wherein the cleaning surface of the cleaning article is smooth and flat and is free of depressions

wherein any hairs which contact the cleaning surface of the cleaning article get entangled with each other into an aggregate and do not cling to the cleaning surface

which cleaning article further comprises a holding member having a depression and a cushioning material having a projection to be fitted into said depression, wherein said elastomer sheet is attached to part of the surface of said cushioning material to form a cleaning surface with said synthetic elastomer outside on fitting said cushioning material into said holding member.

7. (currently amended) The cleaning article according to claim 5 or 6 ~~claim 1~~, wherein said synthetic elastomer is selected from the group consisting of: an urethane elastomer, a styrene elastomer, an olefin elastomer, a vinyl chloride elastomer, an ester elastomer, an amide elastomer and mixtures thereof.

8, 9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) The cleaning article according to claim 5 or 6 ~~claim 1~~, wherein said synthetic elastomer has perforations.